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EXDIS, NESCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ARG, OCON, UNESCO

SUBJECT: UNESCO EXBD: ITEM 7.1.6: ISRAELI OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES

REFS: (A) PARIS 24078; (B) WARVARIV-AMBASSADOR TORRES-
HEATER TEL CON MAY 3

1. AS WE POINTED OUT IN REF B, THE ANTICIPATED ARAB
INITIATIVE TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION ON SUBJECT ITEM IS MOST
DISTURBING AND MAY TURN OUT TO BE EXTREMELY DAMAGING TO
U.S.-UNESCO RELATIONSHIP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. WE INTENDED TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM ON AGENDA FOR
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES MAY 10 MEETING WITH M'BOW.
HOWEVER, SINCE ITEM IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 9TH,
AMBASSADOR TORRES IS REQUESTED TO MEET ASAP WITH DG M'BOW
AND TO CONVEY TO HIM OUR CONCERN OF THE POTENTIAL
POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS OF SUCH AN ARAB MOVE.

3. AMBASSADOR TORRES SHOULD STRESS TO M'BOW THAT U.S.

WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY MOVE TO SUBMIT ANY RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGENDA ITEM. HE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT SUBMISSION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION, PARTICULARLY ONE THAT SOUGHT TO REWRITE OR AMEND DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

TO INCLUDE A BROADER COMMENTARY ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES COULD SET OFF AN ADVERSE REACTION IN CONGRESS TOWARD UNESCO AND MIGHT EVEN JEOPARDIZE SCHEDULED U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE ORGANIZATION. HE SHOULD INDICATE TO M'BOW THAT INTRODUCTION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION COULD ALSO SERVE TO ENCOURAGE THE REVIVAL OF OBJECTIONABLE ISSUES AT THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE, SUCH AS THE ATTEMPT TO REINSERT A REFERENCE TO RES. 3379 IN EITHER THE DRAFT DECLARATION RACE OR THE DECLARATION ON MASS MEDIA.

4. DEPT. BELIEVES THAT DG M'BOW, WEO AND AFRICAN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE THAT THE DISCUSSION IS LIMITED TO THE ITEMS MENTIONED IN DG'S REPORT, IN LOW KEY AND ABOVE ALL THAT NO DAMAGING DECISION IS TAKEN ON THE ITEM ITSELF.

5. PLEASE IMMEDIATELY REPORT REACTION AND YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION. CHRISTOPHER

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